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The Year 2001 in Review - Part Two Stories from the Second Six Months

by James Giese

The following is a summary of stories reported in the Greenbelt News Review relating to happenings in the second six months of 2001.

Rufus Millegan, Jr., 21, of Greenbelt and Cornell McClure, 22, of Glenn Dale were arrested July 4 and charged in the fatal May 1 shooting of Tessa Osborne. On the previous evening, 250 friends and relatives of Osborne held a candlelight vigil in her honor. On July 9, preventative detention (no bail) was ordered by Judge William Connolly.

Over the city's objections, U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin dismissed the city's lawsuit against the U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Maryland after USDA rescinded its decision to reconstruct Sunnyside Avenue and Edmonston Road. While the city stopped the road construction, it was left with legal expenses of over \$135,000.

The Orioles of the American League of Greenbelt Baseball Cal Ripken League won the city championship by beating the National League Cardinals in two playoff games, concluding the fiftieth anniversary season of Greenbelt baseball for young people.

Representatives of the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Supportive Service Center in New York presented a check to Greenbelt for \$136,579 as a two-year grant to enable the city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) to jointly employ a Community Resource Advocate.

The Prince George's County Planning Board on July 26 approved with conditions the proposed conceptual site plan for Greenbelt Station, but deferred approval of the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision.

Efforts to re-erect the observatory obtained by the Astronomy Club with city assistance from Montgomery College were put on hold due to zoning complications with the preferred site on city property at the end of Northway.

August

Residents of old Greenbelt were upset that Bank of America would close its branch at Roosevelt Center on November 16 and undertook a petition drive to no avail. The Greenbelt swim team, the Barracudas, celebrated a winning season in which they won all but one meet and placed second in the Division Meet.

A reception was held at the Municipal Building August 13 to celebrate photographer Edward Pastula's exhibit of night photog-

raphy. A federal jury found five current and one former Greenbelt police officers not guilty of allegedly beating and falsely imprisoning a Laurel man. GHI held an open house at 25-A Parkway, an apartment converted into a guesthouse to rent to visitors. Ann McKenzie began her new job as community resource advocate to help seniors continue to live in their homes.

Jaeger Tract

On August 13, the Greenbelt City Council agreed to contribute \$100,000 of city Program Open Space funds toward acquiring the Jaeger tract conditioned upon the property being annexed to the city for use as open space as part of Greenbelt Park. At the same meeting council directed its attorney to appeal to the Prince George's County Council the Planning Board's approval of the conceptual site plan for Greenbelt Station.

At a public hearing held by the city council concern was expressed about overcrowding at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and the loss of 12 temporary classrooms, the general opinion being not to reduce the number of students attending Roosevelt, but to provide improved facilities.

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Year 2001 In Memorium

The following is a chronicle of the deaths reported in the Greenbelt News Review during 2001.

Calvin L. Willoughby, 80, December 11, 2000, a World War II veteran and American Legion member who had resided at 4-F Laurel Hill Road (not reported last year). Herbert W. Cooper, 62, January 5, a Greenbelt pioneer who moved to 20-B Crescent at the age of one month. Velma Chapman, 83, January 15, a World War II veteran listed in "Who's Who in American Science" for her work with the Department of Agriculture. Richard "Dick" Ellis, 59, January 25, a former Greenbelt optician.

February

Pamela Ann Curl Dietzel, 50, February 9, a former resident of 71-A Ridge Road, a Boys and Girls Club coach also active in dinner-theater productions. Phyllis Lee Wright of Greenbelt, February 17. Jack Edwin Lewis, 78, February 25, a 38-year resident of Lakewood and an electronics engineer with the federal government.

March

Hyman Gerson, 86, March 6, a long-time resident, journeyman

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Redistricting Plans Leave Greenbelt Precincts As Is

by Judy Bell

The Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee has released preliminary recommendations for Maryland's state legislative district boundary lines. The plan was scheduled to be submitted to the legislature by Governor Parris Glendening when the General Assembly opened its annual session January 9. According to this plan, Greenbelt's four populated precincts remain in the 23rd District. The General Assembly has 45 days to enact a different plan. If they fail to act, the plan will immediately go into effect.

Glendening appointed the five-member redistricting committee on May 31, 2001. Committee members include Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Maryland House Speaker Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Montgomery County Councilman Isaiah Leggett and Worcester County Commissioner Louise L. Gulyas.

"Drafting these recommendations for Maryland's forty-seven state legislative districts was a difficult task," said Secretary of State John T. Willis, committee

Late Flash

A last minute change was made to the Redistricting Plan the Governor presented Wednesday to the Maryland legislature. In the 23rd legislative district (Greenbelt/Bowie) a third of the area will become a separate, single member district, possibly including the southern-most precincts.

The three incumbents Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin would then be required to compete for only two slots. The exact details were not available at press time.

chair. "The process was driven by the information obtained from the 2000 census which reflected substantial population growth and shifts throughout the state. There are population changes every ten years which result in changes in Maryland's legislative districts."

See REDISTRICTING, page 2

ACE, PTA

Tardy and No-Show Buses Are Problems for Students

by Mary Moien

On November 9, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its annual meeting with PTA presidents and other members. Three schools were represented - Greenbelt Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). No one attended from the PTAs at Springhill Lake Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, Robert Goddard Middle School and St. Hugh's School. The St. Hugh's PTA had contacted ACE to report that the president was ill and would not be able to attend.

ACE chair, Leta Mach, introduced the committee members present and described the ACE objectives. ACE is trying to have more city involvement in the schools that the majority of young Greenbelt residents attend. There is also an ACE committee liaison for each school. A major reason for this annual meeting is to allow PTA members from different schools to learn and share ideas with each other. Allan Elliott, ERHS PTSA chair, thanked the ACE members for their assistance in helping the high school retain some of their temporary classrooms.

Bus Problems

Late buses were an issue discussed by school principals in a recent meeting with Greenbelt City Council. Desiree Davis, the

new PTA president from Magnolia commented that buses continue to arrive late to school. One issue appears to be the number of schools served by one driver. Davis stated that, for her child, Magnolia is the fourth school the driver visits each morning.

Elliott commented that late buses at ERHS are not quite the problem they were earlier in the year. He stated, though, that ERHS is also concerned about late-arriving afternoon buses as groups with "loyalties to communities" can get into fights while waiting for their buses. Ann Moomau from Magnolia's PTA indicated that the bus lot will send a bus if someone calls to report the bus didn't come. However, they cannot tell you when the new bus will come, so most parents try to arrange a ride for their children.

School Enrollment

Rebecca Roper, Greenbelt Elementary School's PTA president, commented that their school has significantly fewer students than last year. Due to this drop, the school lost two teachers, but had been slated to lose five. ERHS has fewer students this year also, said Elliott. The figure is under 3,000 students for the first time in several years.

See SCHOOL BUSES, page 9

Year 2001 Honorees

The following persons were recognized in the Greenbelt News Review during the second half of 2001 for honors and awards they received.

Friends and family recognized Sally Carrano of Green Ridge House at a party celebrating her 90th year. The 3rd Ottawa Student Animation Festival accepted for competition the animated shorts made by Joel Mason-Gaines and six other students and co-produced by the Greenbelt Visual Arts Association and Greenbelt Access Television.

Maresa Like-Mathews set a swim team record in the 50-meter breaststroke for girls age 11 to 12. Dave Mathews and Mark Otto were named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team.

First place art show awards at the Labor Day Festival went to Barbara Stevens, painting; Bonnie Cawthorne, drawing; Dick Brown, sculpture; Natalia Noyes, painting and sculpture/three-dimensional works 6 and under; Gina Pyo, drawing 6 and under; Madelena Noyes, painting 7 to 10 year old and the Cipriano Award for her drawing; Anna Flynn, drawing 7 to 10; Eleanor Grammas, sculpture/three-dimensional works 7 to 10; Andrea Wiggins, painting 11 to 14; Nora Simon, drawing 11 to 14; Elsie

Flynn, sculpture/three-dimensional works 7 to 11; Jacqueline Tull, painting 15 to 18; Nora Simon, drawing 15 to 18 and GAVA classes for home-schooled children and other youths, sculpture/three-dimensional 15 to 18.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Latin teacher Linda Squier was selected as one of 35 finalists to be named Outstanding Teacher of the Year in an event to be held in Los Angeles in November sponsored by the Disney Company Learning Partnership.

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What Goes On

**Saturday, January 12,
8:30 a.m., Annual Open
Door Meeting by State
Legislators representing
Greenbelt, Municipal
Building**

**Monday, January 14,
8 p.m., Regular City
Council Meeting, Municipal
Building**

**Wednesday, January 16,
8 p.m., City Council
Worksession on Green Ridge
House, Admissions and
Occupancy Policy, Parking
Management Program, Green
Ridge House**

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The map of preliminary recommendations for Maryland's legislative districts reflects a shift in two districts from Baltimore City and Baltimore County to Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. These changes will accommodate major population shifts in the state during the past decade. In this plan Prince George's County would get a new district stretching from Langley Park, south along the Montgomery County line to the District and east to Cheverly, forming a C-shape. It would be 60 percent African-American and would also have a large Latino population, according to the Washington Post.

As to Prince George's County redistricting, a plan has been finalized and will be in place for the next election. Greenbelt's populated precincts are unchanged, remaining in the 4th councilmanic district.

Congressional redistricting is still in process.

The Old Curmudgeon



"You wrote 2001 on that check again!"

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Letters to the Editor

Help Oppose CB-40

Just before Thanksgiving the County Council passed CB-40, a bill that significantly relaxes restrictions on building developments that will increase overcrowding in local schools. The Council of Prince George's County PTA's and Greenbelt City Council are on record as being adamantly opposed to this bill.

Briefly: major objections to the bill include the removal of the four year waiting period for developments that will push a school's capacity over 130%; the exemption of over 55% of the county elementary schools from any requirement (this includes Springhill Lake Elementary, which is expected to be at 164% of capacity after Metroland is built); the clustering of schools over a wide geographic area to "average out" the impact on enrollment; developers' fees going into a general fund that could be used anywhere in the county, not necessarily to assist the schools that are being impacted; the removal of any public or Board of Education participation in the adequate public facilities (APF) process. For more information about this bill log on to www.geocities.com/cb40referendum.

There is a countywide grass roots effort to collect enough signatures to take this matter to referendum in the fall election. We need to collect 3,000 signatures

by January 25 and 10,000 signatures by March 12, 2002. A table will be outside the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store on the next two Saturdays, January 12 and January 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to collect signatures from your friends and neighbors or if you would like to sign the petition but are unable to come to the Co-op on those Saturdays, please call me at 301-474-3635.

Please sign the petition to bring CB-40 to referendum so that voters can decide what is best for our public schools.

Sylvia J. Lewis

A Big Thank You!

On behalf of the Greenbelt New Year's Eve Committee, I would like to thank everyone who came to the celebration last week. From the looks of it, a good time was had by all! It is truly the Committee's hope that everyone did.

A big thanks also goes to all of the entertainers who performed – without their talent and professionalism, the celebration would not have been what it was. Thanks to Public Works for the beautiful display of fireworks, the Arts Center for a great play, and the movie theater for allowing the Committee to run animated shorts later in the evening – and thanks to Barbara Simon and George

Kochell especially! Thanks to Kateri Hull for doing a great job with the Mr. Greenbelt contest, Jenna Voigt and the Greenbelt Swim Team for providing great food, and Chef Lou for providing great desserts. Thanks also to all of the volunteers who helped out that night – their assistance was crucial to the success of the celebration!

And last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Committee members – whose input and participation was invaluable – and Joe McNeal, Chris Cherry, Nicole DeWald, and all of the members of the Recreation Department. Their efforts were indispensable and the celebration wouldn't have been possible without them.

See you next year!

*Patti Brothers, president
Greenbelt New Year's
Eve Committee*

New President

Effective December 20, I have resigned the position of President for the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, Inc. and Vice President Doug Love has succeeded to the office. The organization's main objective of the construction and operation of the observatory at Northway Fields requires a degree of involvement with the city's government and affairs that can only be accomplished by a

Greenbelt resident. As a nonresident and officer, I and others have made great progress toward the goal of the club's founding resident members Doug Love and George Gliba to build and operate a small observatory at Northway Fields. A viable design for the structure was presented to the club in December by city staff and \$10,000 has been raised against the Gil Mead dollar-for-dollar matching grant. Once matching funds are received from Mr. Mead, at least \$20,000 will be available for this project. Construction is scheduled to be-

gin in the spring of 2002.

Election of club officers will happen at the February 2002 regular scheduled club meeting. I will not be available to serve. Other nonresident members and I encourage Greenbelters to take part in making this once in a lifetime opportunity become a reality by serving as an elected officer for 2002. We truly believe that this will be positive asset for the City of Greenbelt and a civic accomplishment to be proud of.

*John Settle, former president
Greenbelt Astronomy Club*

Clarification

Jean Newcomb clarified the reference to her in last week's article on the year in review. Newcomb's concern is with the removal of trees and plants with deep roots that provide a buffer along the lake park path, slowing erosion and silting of the lake.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Jan. 11

Amelle (R)

Friday

*4:45, 7:20, 9:40

Saturday

*2:15, *4:45, 7:20, 9:40

Sunday

*2:15, *4:45, 7:20

Monday - Thursday

7:30

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Channel B-71 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access

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Saturday, January 12th

8:30am "Open Door Meeting with Senator Leo Green and the Delegates of the 23rd District" (live)

Monday, January 14th

8:00pm "City Council Meeting" (live)

Tuesday & Thursday, January 15 & 17

4:00pm "Open Door Meeting" (replay)

6:00pm Springhill Lake Elementary presents
"Living in America"

7:30pm "City Council Meeting" (replay)

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, January 14 & 16th

7:00pm "An Evening with Friends"

Community Events

At the Library

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.
Wednesday, January 16, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.
Thursday, January 17, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman
The movie of the month, "Anatomy of a Murder," will be shown at the Community Center, Monday, January 14, at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom.
The engrossing courtroom drama starring James Stewart, George C. Scott and Lee Remick, was adapted from Robert Travers' best-selling novel about a lawyer in Michigan who defends an army officer accused of killing a bartender.
Stewart is superb as the crafty defense lawyer and George C. Scott makes his mark as the prosecuting attorney in this four-star movie directed by Otto Preminger.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins
President Bill Souser presided over the January 2 business meeting.
Sunshine Chair Betty Down sent Christmas cards to Dorothy Wilhelm and Annie Citron; and get well cards to Shirley and Tom Dwyer, Pearl Siegel, Hilda Orleans and Shirleyann Egenreider. The Club received a holiday letter from Maurice Love and Ruth Dungas. During the year 2001 Betty sent 106 cards and made 58 phone calls.
Phyllis Budin from the travel committee reported seats are still available for the January 29 Newseum trip. There is a fee. Sign up at the next meeting.
Arlene Souser from the membership committee reminded Golden Agers that 2002 dues are due now.
The 50/50 drawing was won by Robert Terrell and Bill Souser.
Good luck to Bunny Fitzgerald, the new reporter for the Golden Age Club. I'll be reading you.

T. Jefferson Topic Of Explorations

On Friday, January 18, Explorations Unlimited presents Mary Ann (Maggie) Auville who will be discussing Thomas Jefferson and how people tend to think of him in almost mythological proportions, as a stalwart leader of the nation. However, he was also a man with a family who had to deal with private tragedies and joys. A videotape about Jefferson will also be shown.
Auville has taught English, reading and speech courses for various colleges, and is currently teaching classes at the Bowie Senior Center.
Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These presentations will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Explorations On Criminal Defense

Explorations Unlimited resumes Friday, January 11, at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center. Sharon Weidenfeld, a private investigator, will be the featured presenter. Weidenfeld's primary areas of work are in criminal defense and police brutality. She assists defense attorneys in criminal cases such as murder and other serious crimes and also assists attorneys in investigating allegations made by citizens concerning police brutality. Come get some insight as to what goes on behind the scenes of an investigation.

Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will have its first meeting of the year on January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. It is anticipated that the long-awaited anthology will be available for view and for sale. There will also be a display of the author portraits for the anthology done by GWG member Marilyn Wassmann.
A number of other topics are on the agenda, including officers for the coming year, dues, and a possible visit from Nicole DeWald. She is expected to update the group on various events GWG can participate in this year with the Recreation Department. If time permits, open readings will also be held. For more information, contact the GWG at gwgmail@yahoo.com.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's Donation Drop-Off, which it co-sponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, January 12, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.
Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

Legislators Hold Open Door Meeting

The Annual Greenbelt Open Door Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. This is an opportunity for the citizens of the 23rd District to meet and talk to their representatives, Sen. Leo Green and Del. Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin.

New Year's Eve Committee Meets

The Greenbelt New Year's Eve Committee will hold its wrap-up meeting on Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Committee members and volunteers are urged to attend. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

City Notes

The week of December 17, the horticulture crew removed hazardous trees on Ridge Rd.; planted, staked and mulched Adopt-a-Tree and replacement trees in Schrom Hills Park, on Centerway, on Crescent Road near the Museum, on Matthew Street and at McDonald Field.

Greenbelt Elem. PTA Meets Jan. 16

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the media center. Topics of discussion will be Before and After School Care for next year, Scholastic Book Fair and school directory updates; and planning for the Spring Fair or other spring event. Parents, guardians, teachers and interested citizens of the community are all welcome.

Pet Adoption Day At Beltway Plaza

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, January 13, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at www.pgspca.org.

Free Throw Contest Open to Youth

A free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is set for Saturday, January 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Parents with children ages 10 to 14 (grades 4 to 10) are encouraged to sign them up.
Players who are successful at the council-level free throw move on to district-level competition in February. Those players who advance past the district level move to state-level competition. Certificates are presented at the council and district levels.
This program is available to all youth in St. Hugh Parish and other interested Greenbelt youth. Sign-up is preferred; however, walk-ins will be accepted with a parent present. Contact Scott Legendre at 301-486-0039.

GHI Notes

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet on January 15 at 7:30 p.m.
The Pet Subcommittee will meet on January 16 at 7:30 p.m.
To prospective members of GHI, the next free informational seminar about GHI is scheduled for January 19 at 7:15 p.m. To register, call 301-474-4161.
The next scheduled GHI Board of Directors meeting is January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.



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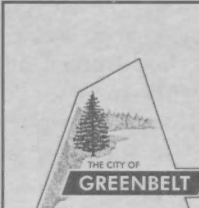
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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room

Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

January 14, 2002

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)

* 8. Minutes of Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

* 10. Committee Reports
- Advisory Committee on Trees (Management of Bradford Pear Trees)

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 55 (a), Titled "Bonds-Issuance, Authorization" for the Purpose of Stating the City's Debt Limit Provisions in a Fashion Consistent with New Maryland Law (abbreviated title) (1st Reading)

12. A Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendment "Elections" Section 14(b), Titled "Referendum" for the Purpose of Correcting a Typographical Error (abbreviated title) (1st Reading)

13. A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Authorize Application for a Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant for Restoration of the Community Center Bas Reliefs and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Necessary Documents (1st Reading)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

14. Plans for Peace Month and the Community Pledge (CRAB Report #2001-3)

15. Visual Arts Education Programming in the Community Center - Request for Proposals

16. Request for Support for NORC Programs - Letter to Senator Sarbanes

17. Response to Federal Bureau of Prisons - Support Letter for Hyattsville

* 18. Maglev Train Project - Letter to MDOT Secretary Porcari

* 19. Reappointments to Advisory Groups

* 20. Resignations from Advisory Groups

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

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electrician with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, active member of Mishkan Torah and former city animal warden. John Beyrent, 71, March 7, a resident of Boxwood Village, employee of NASA, and member of St. Hugh's and American Legion Post 136. Robert William Mann, 53, March 11, an employee of the D. C. Public Schools. Barbara Anna Drake, 90, March 23, an original founder of Greenbelt Baptist Church, where she taught Bible and Sunday school. Grace Eleanor Folke Tugwell, 92, March 23, a former Greenbelt resident and assistant administrator for labor, personnel and information during the construction of Greenbelt. Norma M. Leach, March 24, a long-time resident of Hillside Road who worked for the Co-op Pharmacy. Eva Love, 82, March 27, a Boxwood Village resident active in the League of Women Voters, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. Vivian Edwards, 95, March 28, long-time resident of Forestway and early member of Greenbelt Community Church and the Woman's Club. Samuel Brown, 88, March 30, of Lakewood, a University of Maryland professor of English literature. Kay Smith, an original Boxwood Village resident.

April

Israel Nathaniel Markfield, 91, April 2, of the 19 court of Ridge who was a Greenbelt pioneer resident and medical translator for the federal government. Billy Coleman, 71, April 7, a resident on Eastway for 17 years, a member of American Legion Post 136, and an assistant Boys and Girls Club coach. Thomas W. Hieber, 56, April 12, who was born and raised in Greenbelt and had moved to California. Evelyn Green, 87, April 28, an early resident of Greenbelt whose deceased husband, Austin, was a former Greenbelt police officer.

May

Jonnie Mae Walker, 91, May 1, first resident of 21-L Ridge Road who retired from employment at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Tessa Mae Osborne, 18, May 2, who worked at the Co-op Supermarket and found murdered in a remote area of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Greenbriar pioneer Lynda Ann Silver, 56, May 6, active in Mishkan Torah and volunteer reader at Greenbelt Elementary. Suzanne L. Zappasodi, 59, May 7, resident of Westchester Park active in the Greenbelt Arts Center. Marjorie E. Groht, 75, May 14, a 40-year resident of Lakewood who was active in the Greenbelt America Legion Post 136 Auxiliary. Doris A. Cottingham, 84, May 21, a former

secretary to two city managers and an active member of St. Hugh's Church.

June

Michael Burchick, 83, June 24, resident of Greenbelt since 1942 and most recently of Woodland Hills who was named Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen in 1992 for his work with many Greenbelt organizations. Daniel J. Sillers, 80, June 25, of Ridge Road, a disabled veteran and member of the Greenbelt American Legion. Audrey Durkin, 68, June 27, a former resident of Green Ridge House. Patricia Sher, 70, June 30, member of one of the first families of Greenbelt and former Maryland Delegate and Senator from Montgomery County.

July

Ernestine J. McAllister, 75, July 5 of Hanover Parkway. Richard C. Devlin, 59, July 21, former Greenbelter. Former resident Lea McCaughey, 81, July 22, who had lived in Greenbelt 50 years. Frances Herling, 79, July 22, wife of the late Albert Herling, an activist whose defiance led to the repeal of a law prohibiting women from wearing shorts in Roosevelt Center, a lab assistant, substitute elementary school teacher and librarian, co-founder of Paint Branch Unitarian Church and the Greenbelt Arts Center. Lars Bronstein, July 22, who was employed by the Prince

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Obituaries

Eleanor M. Jarva

Eleanor M. Jarva of Ridge Rd., died on Friday, December 21, 2001, from a ruptured aortic aneurysm. She was 82.

Born in Philadelphia, she also lived in New Jersey and on Long Island.

Eleanor loved Greenbelt. She moved here in 1987 and never tired of her "little house" and wonderful wooded backyard. She loved the community spirit and participated in many Greenbelt activities over the years.

A long time Phillies fan, Eleanor switched to the Orioles when she moved to Greenbelt. She became one of the O's most ardent supporters. She knew players and statistics for most of the O's opponents as well. Her family loved discussing the games with her.

Eleanor was an excellent contract bridge player, and attained Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League in 1988. She played bridge at various locations around the metropolitan area.

She loved to feed the birds which came to her backyard. For the past few years she assisted in the annual bird count. Armed with binoculars and bird books

she sat at her window and tallied her feathered visitors every year on New Year's Day.

Eleanor's family and friends remember her as a caregiver who helped people in many ways.

Her family was the center of her life and it grew, making her a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Her husband Vake died in 1992. She is survived by sons Eugene, Long Island; Kenneth, Greenbelt; and Curtis and his wife Janet, Norwell, Mass.; daughter Susan Maxwell Schmidt and her husband Richard, Middletown, Del.; grandchildren Kenneth, Keith, Erik and Jessica Jarva; great-grandson Christopher Jarva; and extended family Kathie Jarva, Greenbelt; Carol O'Briskie and Gail Krause, Long Island.

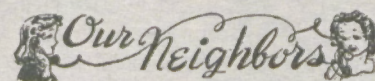
A memorial mass was held on December 26 at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, during which her granddaughter Jessica sang "Amazing Grace."

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies of Charity, c/o St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770.

Peter Masters Talks At Mishkan Torah

Author and former British commando Peter Masters will speak at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Rd., on Sunday, January 13 at 1 p.m. on the subject of his experiences as a member of the British Commandos during World War II. Masters was born in Austria and fled to England as a teenager, after Nazi Germany annexed Austria. When the war started, Great Britain created a secret corps of German-born immigrants to fight behind the enemy lines. Masters' experiences have been recorded in his book, "Striking Back," and will be the subject of his talk.

The program is sponsored by Mishkan Torah Sisterhood and is open to the public. There is no fee; refreshments will be served. Call 301-474-4223 for details.



Our sympathy to the Jarva family on the death of their mother, Eleanor Jarva.

Congratulations to Greenbelter Leonard Brown who has completed a management training course at a Wendy's franchise headquarters in Crofton.

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More than 3,200 Greenbelt students headed back to public schools on August 27. Four days later the city's 47th annual Labor Day Festival opened. At opening ceremonies, Konrad Herling was named 2001 Outstanding Citizen for his contributions to the cultural life of the community.

September

Perfect weather, the efforts of Festival Chair Patti Brothers and all involved resulted in a great Labor Day Festival. The original Greenbelt silk flag was flown at the museum during the festival. Kateri Hull was named Miss Greenbelt, Marie Crenwelge, Junior Miss Greenbelt, and Jenny Lindvall, Little Miss Greenbelt in the annual festival pageant.

SAT scores for seniors at ERHS were the highest of any high school in the county exceeding both the State and National averages. The managers of Springhill Lake were commended by the city council on September 5 for their efforts to upgrade the apartment project, having expended \$5.8 million on the project during the year through August.

Three masked men robbed the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union on September 6. No one was hurt and no arrests have yet been made. Residents came before city council at its September 10 meeting to express their concerns about safety in Roosevelt Center. Later in the month, Police Chief James Craze held an impromptu discussion with over 50 persons in Roosevelt Center mall to share perceptions and attitudes about the conduct of Greenbelt youth.

Council placed on the ballot for the November election a referendum question to seek approval for a \$3.5 million bond issue for a variety of capital projects. All incumbents and two challengers, Kelby Brick and Sylvia Lewis, sought election to the five council seats.

On September 10, by a six to two vote, the Prince George's County Council approved both the conceptual site plan and the preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station after hearing appeals by five parties including the city over the previous approval by the county planning board of the conceptual plan.

September 11

Greenbelters shared feelings of shock and sadness with the rest of the country on September 11 as terrorist attacks destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City and damaged the Pentagon in Arlington. Greenbelt's Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad assisted the D.C. department, and then was assigned to the Pentagon to help in fighting the fire caused when a jetliner crashed into the building. At the Arlington County Courthouse, Greenbelter James P. McMichael, an Arlington Deputy Sheriff, heard the plane crash into the Pentagon and responded immediately to the scene to provide assistance. Greenbelt police extended their shifts to beef up patrols following the attack and the department's armored vehicle and operators performed perimeter security of the Pentagon.

As a result of the emergency, schools closed early and the Greenbelt Courthouse and Goddard Space Flight Center were closed. That evening Greenbelt Community Church opened its doors to those who wished to pray. The next

evening as many as 200 people filled Mishkan Torah Synagogue for a service; others attended prayer service at Greenbelt Baptist Church.

On Friday, 82 people donated blood to the American Red Cross and another 50 were turned away at a scheduled Greenbelt blood drive. Church doors were again opened on Friday for midday gatherings on this designated day of national mourning. That evening, ERHS students gathered for a vigil and service attended by School Superintendent Dr. Iris Metts. Green Ridge House residents also held a candlelight vigil and moment of silence.

On Saturday, the "America's Most Wanted" television program included a brief segment of ERHS students interviewed the previous day. A crowd of 300-500 gathered on September 16 at Buddy Attick Park for an interfaith service of prayer and song. When it became known who the terrorists were, Nancy English, nurse practitioner with the Greenbelt Family Practice, recognized Mohammed Atta as a person she had once treated.

Tornado

Greenbelt experienced a near miss on September 24 when a devastating tornado went through the University of Maryland campus and the west side of US 1 through College Park, Beltsville and Laurel. Power was out overnight in the western sections of Greenbelt. Greenbelt Public Works lent the City of College Park a five-person crew, chain saws and its brush chipper to help with clean-up.

The News Review announced it was once again in crisis as its costs of production sharply increased and its need for volunteers became ever greater. The paper also announced the resignation of one of its long time mainstays, Business Manager Mary Halford.

October

News Review staffer Virginia Beachamp reviewed "Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal" by Dr. Cathy Knepper and declared that Greenbelt residents will find much to like in the book. Knepper held her second Greenbelt book signing on October 6 at the Greenbelt Library.

On October 8, city council opposed a county bill to permit Capitol Cadillac to use a piece of adjacent state property for expansion without rezoning. At the same meeting, a new classification and pay system was adopted, for city employees.

Greenbelt celebrated October as Peace Month in accordance with a city council resolution. A Peace Brochure was published by the city and the city and ERHS jointly sponsored a program on the anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth. St. Hugh's students held a peace march on October 11. A forum on the Middle East and Terrorism in America was held at the New Deal Café on October 21.

Sector Plan

The Prince George's County Council approved the Greenbelt Sector Plan and sectional Map Amendment after making three amendments opposed by the city on October 16. The plan, which gives special attention to development in the vicinity of the Greenbelt Metro Station, was nearly ten years in the making and was not adopted until after

the council had adopted a conceptual site plan for most of the undeveloped area adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

The U.S. Congress included \$1 million in the Department of Interior's appropriation bill for the purchase of the Jaeger tract subject to matching local funds.

The News Review annual meeting dealt with the paper's financial and volunteer help problems, and the election of officers including three new members of the board, Barbara Hopkins, Judy Bell and Mary Moien.

The world premiere of Belongings, a play by Daniel Fenton, was held October 26 at the Greenbelt Arts Center with the playwright present for a post play talkback. Daniel, Misha and Christopher Grunberg and Aamna Ahmad raised \$284.78 for helping Afghan children by selling lemonade on Lastner Lane. Nine quilts were given to Greenbelt firefighters who had fought the fire at the Pentagon after the September 11 terrorist attack from among hundreds made for the Little Flag Quilt Project by quilters throughout the country for donation to victims, police and firefighters and others affected by the terrorist's attack.

Greenbelt Theatre

As one of its last acts before election, city council authorized the incoming mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with George Christacos, owner of two original buildings at Roosevelt Center for the purchase of the Greenbelt Theatre movie house for an estimated total cost of \$389,226.

Halloween was celebrated by Greenbelt children with a Halloween Cakewalk at the Community Center and free trick or treating at Greenway Center on October 27, a costume contest and parade at the Youth Center on October 30, trick or treating on Halloween, and an invitation to all to visit the yard of a home on Matthew Street where all kinds of strange happenings were occurring. Students at Magnolia Elementary School celebrated with a patriotic theme instead of traditional events, forming an outline of the United States on the school athletic field and displaying a banner reading "United We Stand."

November

The city election held on November 6 featured the use of new style voting machines. Voters and officials were well satisfied with the way the new machines worked; they involved using a special pen to mark a ballot appearing on a computer screen instead of pulling levers on a mechanical machine. The five council incumbents were reelected and the proposed city bond issue passed by over a 4-1 margin. The new council once again elected top-vote-getter Judith Davis mayor at its organizational meeting and elected Rodney Roberts mayor pro tem.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church hosted a 40th anniversary concert by the Prince George's Choral Society joined by the Maryland Chamber Orchestra. The Pete Labukas Flag Football Tootsie Roll Bowl involved the participation of 60 young people who raised money to support firefighters who were affected by the events of September 11 and the recent tornado.

At a November 14 work session city council heard a presen-

tation from Capitol Cadillac to lease adjacent state property for expansion of its dealership while councilmembers expressed preference for the land remaining as green space. City staff and the Governor's Office of Business Administration announced that they were working to find another bank to replace Bank of America, which closed its Roosevelt Center branch facility November 16. Participants vented their feelings about the gathering of young people in the mall at Roosevelt Center at a second forum conducted by Chief James Craze and attended by 75 persons.

Stabbing Arrest

A Greenbelt teen was stabbed near Roosevelt Center on November 17. Two days later, Greenbelt police observed the suspect believed to have committed the crime at a Greenbelt Road service station. The suspect stole a vehicle and drove off. Police pursued the stolen vehicle onto Braden Field where girls from St. Hugh's school were playing soccer. As the students fled, the police boxed in the car and captured the suspect, but not before the suspect had inflicted damage to five police and four non-police vehicles. The suspect, David Michael Fetrow, was arrested and charged with attempted first degree murder and numerous other crimes.

The News Review began its 65th year of publication by initiating a fund drive to help pay for the increased costs of producing the weekly newspaper.

December

ERHS Raiders football team played archrival Bowie for the state championship, but lost.

For the second time this year, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was held up on December 3, this time by a single man. The National Capitol Area Chapter of the American Planning Association gave out an "Excellent" award to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Com-

mission for the Greenbelt Area Sector Plan on December 6.

Greenbelt's 30th annual Festival of Lights began on December 7 with the lighting of the city tree, and the arrival of Santa Claus on a fire truck, followed by a two-day crafts sale, a pancake breakfast and holiday concerts. On December 15, Santa's Sleigh had to be towed to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center because of lack of snow as Santa visited with children of that area.

Complaints from city councilmembers and residents at a meeting with representatives of the State Highway Administration earned a sympathetic response but an indication that there were no funds available to install sound barriers along the Beltway in Greenbelt at this time. On December 9, a Greenbelt man was injured after being beaten and robbed by a group of people after he had asked the driver of a vehicle to turn down his car radio. On December 17, the city council approved a plan to expand the Greenbelt Dog Park. Five courses of actions were also approved to alleviate problems in the Roosevelt Center. They include a public information campaign, posting a code of conduct, increased code enforcement, new lights and moving some benches. The removal of holiday decorations between the Step Club and an adjacent barber shop on December 19 led to a flurry of rumors which were quelled when it was learned that the dispute was over the location of a dumpster and not the decorations. On December 21, Greenbelter Bob Sonneveldt carried the Olympic Torch for two-tenths of a mile along 15th Street in Washington.

Greenbelters gathered at the Community Center to celebrate the advent of 2002 on December 31 following fireworks, concerts, creative activities and an evening of fun and friendship.

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Beautification Awards

Patrick J. MacAdams, Mike and Kitty Geiger, Joseph Bickford, Betty Deitch, Isaac Robinson, Goddard Space Flight Center, 6401 Triangle Center, 7833 Triangle Center, ERHS, Glen Oaks Apartments, Greenway Shopping Center, Green Ridge House and the city were all winners of Beautification Awards from Prince George's County.

The Greenbelt Police Department won the state Chief's Challenge award for 2001 in the 41 to 59 member police department category for its efforts to make the public aware of the use of safety belts and child safety seats. Game winners at SchromFest on October 13 were Bruce Khalladi, Melissa Gray, NJ McCalla, Sara Boyd, Ellen Utley and Pam Moody. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum honored Sandra Lange, upon her retirement from the board of directors, for her involvement with that organization as a founder, grant achiever and president for nine of the organization's 15 years of existence.

The Maryland Higher Education Committee recognized more than 100 ERHS students for meeting the stringent standards of the Distinguished Scholar Pro-

gram. Greenbelt City Council recognized Joe Wilkinson with a Mother and Child statue replica for his more than 30 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board at an October 21 dinner honoring city volunteers. The Arlington County Board of Commissioners recognized the Greenbelt Police Department for its assistance following the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001, listed 41 Greenbelt students.

Harry James

Co-workers and friends celebrated the retirement of Assistant Recreation Director Harry James at a party on November 29 after he worked almost 29 years for the city. City Manager Michael McLaughlin handed out 30-year service awards to Recreation Director Harry G. Irving and Police Chief James Craze at a city employee holiday luncheon and Greenbelt CARES Director Carol Leventhal and Parks Supervisor Richard Mills each received 25-year awards. A Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Hugh's Church honored Greenbelt police on December 16 for their actions when a stolen vehicle entered Braden Field while students were playing soccer there.

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Robbery

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 2, 10:29 p.m., a man walking to a store was grabbed from behind and forced to the ground by two men demanding money. One of the suspects stabbed the victim in the leg and back before both fled the scene. The victim was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 6', 180 lbs., mustache and goatee, wearing a green jacket with a hood and tan boots, and a black male in his twenties, 6', 180 lbs., wearing a gray hoodie and armed with a lock-blade knife.

Beltway Plaza, January 3, 10:38 a.m., a courier was about to make a delivery to the Bank of America when he was approached in the parking lot by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's delivery bag. After obtaining the bag, the suspect fled in an unknown direction in a vehicle described as a small green passenger car. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25, 5'3", wearing a black puffy jacket, green pants and a black cap.

6100 block Breezewood Court, January 1, 10:53 p.m., a food delivery person had finished making a delivery when he was grabbed from behind by a man who demanded money and stabbed the victim several times in the shoulder and back. The suspect fled the scene on foot and the victim was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center, where he is recovering. The suspect is described as a black male, 10 to 15, 5'8", wearing all black clothing.

8100 block Ryans Way, December 31, 10:42 p.m., a woman had come home from work and was walking toward her residence when two men armed with handguns approached and demanded money. They obtained money and jewelry from the victim before fleeing in a large green four-door vehicle. The suspects are described as a black male, 6', wearing a ski mask, and another black male wearing a ski mask, no further description.

Theft

100 block Centerway, December 28, 11:22 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a bench at Roosevelt Center.

Unit block Lakeside Drive, December 29, 4:16 p.m., two extension ladders were taken from the yard of a residence.

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, January 3, 1:48 a.m., an unattended purse was taken from the restaurant.

Greenway Shopping Center, December 31, 12:08 p.m., money and credit cards were taken from an unsecured locker at Bally's Health and Fitness.

Greenway Shopping Center, January 2, 9:18 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from the Curiosity Shoppe.

Beltway Plaza, December 28, 6:10 p.m., a 17-year-old Colmar

Manor resident was arrested for possession of a stolen credit card and theft. He attempted to use the card to make a purchase at the Sports Zone store. He was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

Unit block Parkway, December 30, 2:42 p.m., someone forced open a storage bin. Nothing was taken.

8100 block Mandan Terrace, December 28, 3:54 p.m., someone entered a residence by breaking out a rear window. A television set, electronic keyboard and stereo equipment were taken.

7600 block Mandan Road, December 30, 1:31 p.m., someone attempted to enter a residence by prying the rear door. Entry was not gained.

7200 Hanover Parkway, January 1, 9:20 p.m., a 19-year-old resident of Mandan Road was arrested for burglary, trespassing, malicious destruction and assault. Officers responded to a disturbance in a Holiday Inn room; a woman known to the victim was attempting to enter the hotel room. When she was denied entry, the woman used a fire extinguisher to force open the door and once inside, hit the victim and pulled her hair. Furnishings were damaged. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Greenway Cleaners, January 4, 6:51 a.m., someone broke out the front door of the cleaners and took money.

Handgun

9000 block Kenilworth Avenue, January 1, 12:31 a.m., a 21-year-old male resident of Landover was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun and removing serial numbers on a firearm after an officer stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation. Inside the vehicle was a .38 semiautomatic handgun with the serial number removed. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Check Fraud

Chevy Chase Bank, Greenbelt Road, December 28, 3:42 p.m., a man, 32, and woman, 31, both of Mississippi Avenue, Washington, D.C., were arrested and charged with uttering a counterfeit check. They had attempted to cash a fraudulent check at the bank. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drug Arrest

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a 21-year-old resident was charged with possession of paraphernalia after an officer observed him loitering in an apartment complex. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana and was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, December 28, 11:52 p.m., an 18-

year-old Suitland resident and a 17-year-old Bladensburg resident were arrested after having refused to leave the restaurant upon being asked by agents of the property. Both were released on citation pending trial.

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, December 29, 11:52 p.m., a District Heights resident was arrested after having refused to leave the restaurant upon being asked by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Beltway Plaza, December 28, 9 p.m., a 13-year-old resident who had previously been banned from the mall for shoplifting, was arrested when he returned. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 1, 7:40 p.m., someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

Warrant Obtained

6100 block Springhill Terrace, for a domestic assault reported December 27, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a 20-year-old resident with assault.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a burgundy 1991 Honda Accord, four-door, Md. tags JTM081, December 28, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a gold 1995 Saturn station wagon, Md. tags FAB234, December 29, from the 6 Court Ridge Road; a black 1999 Acura CL1.2 two-door, Md. tags GCC399, December 29, from Beltway Plaza; a burgundy 1994 Infinity J30 four-door, Texas tags ZMH47R, December 31, from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a beige 1992 Dodge Dynasty four-door, Md. tags JAM477, January 2, from Beltway Plaza; a 1992 Ford Probe two-door, stolen January 2 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, was recovered by county police the next day in Hyattsville; a blue 1989 Buick LeSabre, D.C. tags BG3249, January 2, from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; a white 1990 Buick LeSabre four-door, Md. tags JDN334, January 2, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

In the area of Greenbelt Road and Southway, January 2, police making a traffic stop arrested an 18-year-old resident of Upper Marlboro after a computer check showed that the tag on his vehicle was stolen. He was released on citation pending trial.

Police recovered two vehicles; no arrests were involved.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Mandan Road; 6200 block Springhill Court; 500 block Crescent Road; 100 block Lakeside Drive; 6500 block Capitol Drive; 5700 block Cherrywood Lane; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents); 6100 block Breezewood Court (three incidents); 8000 block Mandan Road (two incidents), and Beltway Plaza.

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Emergency Preparedness

Davis commented that the schools do not seem prepared for emergencies. Magnolia has only four walkie-talkies for more than 700 students. There is no emergency supply of water or blankets if children should need to stay at the school. The Greenbelt Elementary PTA has just spent \$2,500 on walkie-talkies for their school. Roper indicated that the Greenbelt Police monitors them.

Vandalism

Roper indicated that vandalism at Greenbelt Elementary is on the rise. It is being vandalized on weekends with graffiti on the walls and with drinking occurring on the grounds. She felt that the problem had increased since the city has been monitoring activities at the Roosevelt Center. Mach suggested that the school contact the courts surrounding the school and ask people to inform police of illegal activities.

Childcare

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is interested in before- and after-school childcare at the school. Although the school

had a pilot program a few years ago, no care is available there now. Davis indicated that Magnolia does have county-provided care, with parents paying a share. She stated that there are problems, though, as the center often does not open at 7 as required and parents cannot drop their children off when no one is present. The childcare program is completely independent of the school even though it is held in the school.

Currently before- and after-school childcare is offered at the Youth Center but there is no space. Greenbelt Elementary has space since they have fewer students. Mach wondered if the Youth Center could use space in the school.

Perennial issues

Some topics are always on the agenda - parent participation and fundraisers among them. More seasoned PTA members shared some suggestions with the new members, but parent participation remains an elusive goal for many school PTAs.

Riddick to Address Democratic Club

The January meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 18, in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The building is located at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

After a short business meeting, a brief taped recollection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be offered by President Kurt Walter and Vice President Timothy Tilghman.

The guest speaker for the



evening will be Major Riddick, former chief of staff to Governor Parris Glendening and a probable candidate for county executive in the Democratic primary election in September. After a question-and-answer period

with Riddick, there will be a social hour. Members are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share.

Prospective members and the general public are welcome. For transportation, call the corresponding secretary, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

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George's Department of Aging and a volunteer with the Greenbelt rescue squad.

Edna A. Winterhak, July 23, a Greenbelt and Springhill Lake pioneer resident who had worked for Greenbelt Consumer Services. Ruth Kramer, 91, July 27, a Greenbelt pioneer who later resided in Berwyn Heights. Dennis Michael Dunn, 59, July 27, a former resident who was a life member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and who had worked for the C&P Telephone Company.

Giles Dyer "Gene" Winchester, 65, July 28, one of the first residents of Greenbriar and a devoted Washington Redskins fan. Ken Sparks, 51, who grew up in Greenbelt and served as a probation officer for the State of Maryland.

August

Anna May "Sally" Hall, August 1, a former Greenbelter. Julia Hogan Rose, 82, August 18, a former resident of 14 court Laurel Hill and mother of Valerie Siegel. Mariann Barnard, 65, August 23, a former resident of the 42 court Ridge and a retired equal opportunity specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services. Jane M. Craver, 81, August 26, a resident of Green Ridge House. Theresa F. Needham, 93, August 31. Doris H. Jones, 78, September 3, a resident of Plateau Place.

September

William S. Shields, Sr., 85, September 14, remembered by early residents as "Bill, the friendly mailman," a pioneer resident of 43-C Ridge and an assistant scoutmaster in Greenbelt's Troop 229. Adelle L. Plummer, 90, September 15, former elementary school teacher and librarian. Ruth Elizabeth Weyel, 84, September 29, of Plateau Place and, later, Woodland Way. John D. Martone, 70, October 15,

a Greenbelt pioneer who worked as a meat cutter and a police officer, also an amateur and professional boxer who was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame; although moving away from Greenbelt in 1977, his interest in the community continued as he founded the "Old Grizzlies," a group of former Greenbelt High School students who held a reunion once a year.

October

Francis A. Loftus, 78, October 15, a pioneer teenager whose mother, Winfield McCamy, was the town's first city clerk. George Ulrich Bell, 77, October 31, of Parkway who wrote on aerospace and defense matters for NASA and government contractors.

November

Adele E. Trumbule, 86, November 1, a pioneer resident of 35-L Ridge and 65-C Crescent and a founder of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Cathy Marie Ward, 39, November 9, who grew up in Greenbelt. Carl Taylor Bond, 81, November 15, a resident since 1962 who retired from the Department of Commerce as an economist.

Shelby Amarachi Njoku, 10, November 19, a fifth-grader at St. Hugh's school.

December

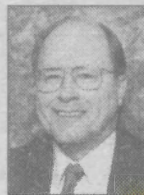
Julian M. Weiss, 49, December 11, recently a senior fellow at the University of Maryland's Institute for Global Chinese Affairs who had been a member of several city advisory committees. Eleanor M. Jarva, 82, December 21, attained Life Master status in bridge, birder, and Orioles fan.

Science Fair Workshop

Prince George's County Talented and Gifted Organization (PGTAG) will host a "Science Fair - What Judges Want to See" meeting at Glenarden Elementary School, 7801 Glenarden Parkway on January 16 at 7 p.m. Projects will also be on display. Call Phyllis Martin at 301-794-7383.

NARFE Meets

The next meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 2146 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Ken Norris will speak on Long Term Care Insurance. The public is invited. For information call 301-474-7693.



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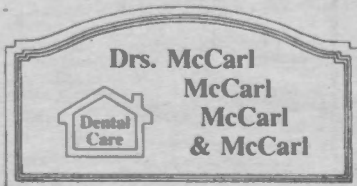
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Dances from different parts of Greece will be performed, and guests are invited to join in. No partner is required, since all the dances will be line dances, some of which will be easy enough for newcomers to pick up quickly. Some of the dances reflect the multicultural influences of other countries in the region, including dances that are similarly performed in Bulgaria, Turkey and Albania.

The dance class runs for 8 weeks. This round of classes will focus on dances from northern Greece, including Thrace, an area with dances similar to Bulgaria's.

Urologist Murdock Discusses Diabetes

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A Review

We Experienced Great Harmony during Countdown to New Year

by James Giese

Greenbelters once again gathered for the Greenbelt New Year 2002 celebration in what has now become a traditional holiday celebration. The night began early in the form of a spectacular fireworks display. While lacking the giant rockets of an Independence Day display, the shorter New Year's Eve program made up for it with one finale display after another featuring combinations of gold, silver, yellow and blue with a patriotic red, white and blue combo every now and then. The Greenbelt Public Works Department is once again to be commended for its pyrotechnic professionalism.

Harmony and camaraderie returned at the end of a difficult year. Friends gathered at the many venues of Greenbelt New Year 2002 where music in many forms was offered. We saw and enjoyed the Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Jazz Combo, the Chromatics, the High Five Barbershop Quintet and Hill and Dietz. Dissonance and lively noise accompanied the countdown and announcement of the new year, but harmony was soon restored to the lively beat of D. C. Motors.

Not Again

Although we had gone last year and had had a good time, I was inclined to do something else this year. However, she who must be listened to made it known that she wished to return to Greenbelt New Year. So, for Christmas, I gave her a Greenbelt New Year T-shirt and two tickets. I told her she could take anyone she wished (but I forgot to say anyone else) so she picked me.

Later I read in the News Review that if you had 10 stamps on your millennium passports, you could get in free and even get a free T-shirt. Guess what. We had ten stamps each. So now we have three T-shirts, old Millennium passports full of stamps and I'm out ten bucks for tickets I didn't need to buy.

We watched the spectacular opening fireworks from the back of the Youth Center along with many others. We then went straight to the Community Center where security guard Dan Hamlin only agreed to let us in after we showed him our wristbands. We found a table and after a short wait, the mellow metallic rhythm of the Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band filled the room. The sounds brought back the great memory of similar sounds wafting across the deck as our cruise ship pulled out of San Juan Harbor. While I like the sound, I found that the music sounded all alike and became monotonous after a while.

However, a group of wee ones found the music just marvelous,

and danced, pranced, jumped and rolled about the gym floor having a great time. Their pleasure doubled when Ronald McDonald appeared, distributing Frisbees to young and old alike. McDonald also joined the youngsters on the dance floor, vigorously dancing with all who had the nerve to approach him.

Youth Center

We left the gym to walk over to the Youth Center for the eight o'clock performance of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Jazz Combo. This performance was the only program offered at the Youth Center Multipurpose Room where gym activities were geared towards teens gathered there and roaming about the building, as well. Unfortunately, this out-of-the-way location discouraged most adults from attending, and although the band itself is a teen group, its music apparently did not appeal to most teens. Even so, it was a standing room only group that heard them. That was because there were no chairs available in the large room.

It's too bad that more people didn't hear the combo, for the kids were great. The nine-member group was composed of two trumpets, trombone, saxophone, clarinet, tuba, guitar, drums and keyboard. The players had a good feel for the Dixieland beat and melody. They played many of the old familiar tunes. Those who were there to listen had a great time.

After the combo finished playing we had over 30 minutes to spend before we were to be at the Arts Center to hear Zenas Chang, so we decided to stop in at the New Deal Café for a cup of coffee. While busy, the restaurant was not full and we managed to get a table next to center stage to sip our coffee and share a delicious giant chocolate chip cookie. We took note of Paul Downs artwork on the walls, some of which we liked and some of which we didn't. (That's a better review than I would give most of the art work I've seen on display in the city recently.)

The a capella group, Chromatics, was scheduled at the café for 9:30, the same time as Chang's performance. They arrived well before then, as did friends and followers, filling the café. My wife noted that she had seen the group before and that they were good, so we decided to hear them do a piece or two before seeing Chang. We liked the group's interesting harmony combinations, their interpretation of



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the sky for Jupiter, which was supposed to be very prominent, as others we knew did. But we didn't.

Community Center

By the time we arrived at the Community Center, the gym was jumping with D.C. Motors and many children and adults were wandering around with the most unusual hairdos, the result of the Wacky Hair Salon at Le Salon. We never did find out where Le Salon was, as the program offered no direction to venues, but then, we didn't try to find it either.

We passed the gym and found Room A where the High Five Barbershop Quintet was to begin its second concert at 10:30. However, the group was already performing, so we slipped in to listen. Unfortunately, it was their final song. They had been asked to start early because the KayDee Puppets had developed a problem and had to cancel their second show.

When a member of the group found out that we and a few others had just arrived, he called the group back for another short performance, even though most of the audience had left. We appreciated that gesture very much, and appreciated their performance even more. Composed of two men and three women, they, like the Chromatics, mixed traditional harmony with some of their own variations for lovely results.

Not yet 11, we decided to go upstairs to hear Hill and Dietz for

a while. The fact that Chef Lou was offering desserts at the Cabaret Room also influenced that decision. We picked up rich flavored hot chocolate and desserts before finding a place to sit. This year we were glad to find more tables in the cabaret and we had no trouble finding a place. My chocoholic wife got her fix with an exotic chocolate torte, while I had a cannoli. Best I know, Chef Lou isn't Italian, but he sure knows how to make marvelloso cannoli.

We had heard John Hill last year and liked him very much. He is a very versatile artist with a wide repertoire of song. Bob Dietz proved to be equally as versatile. The two sang well together and were equally good performing solo. We were sorry when Hill announced that it was time to do Auld Lang Syne and move down to the gym for the big finale, but pleased that they stayed on for two more solo numbers by Dietz.

We entered the gym with the countdown to midnight going on and 33 seconds left. We were handed blowers and the packed room jumped and cheered and blew their horns whistles and blowers like mad as balloons fell from the ceiling. D.C. Motors began to play again as much of the crowd, like Cinderella's coach, apparently turned into pumpkins and headed back to the patch. Those who stayed danced and rocked with the band. We, too, after a set or two, called it a night and headed home.

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